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## LIBERTY LOAN GOAL IN SIGHT

Gratiot County Now Has About  
Three Hundred Thousand  
Dollars Subscribed.

## HARD WORK IS NOW NEEDED

Nearly a Hundred and Fifty Thousand  
is Needed if Gratiot Subscribes  
Full Quota.

While Gratiot county is making by far the best showing during the Third Liberty Loan campaign that she has made yet, slight fears are beginning to be felt that Gratiot county will again fall short of her quota, although few are giving vent to the opinions which their talk indicates that they hold. So far Gratiot is holding her own and with as good a week as either of the first two weeks will just about make her quota.

Gratiot county has a quota of \$433,490, a sum which should be raised easily by subscription in such a rich county as this, but in order to do it Gratiot must start with her Liberty Loan holiday tomorrow, and put in some good hard ticks during the balance of the campaign.

There is a good chance for Gratiot county to come through with her quota, of course, as she now has about \$300,000 subscribed, according to County Chairman J. W. Robinson of this city, who is working day and night to make the campaign in this county a success.

Meetings will be held daily in various parts of the county until the close of the third campaign, and if the people of the county subscribe the way that they have during the past three weeks Gratiot will just about go over the top on her drive.

There is every belief in the minds of the committee that the people of the county will subscribe heavily this coming week and bring Gratiot up to her Liberty Loan quota for the first time. Less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in subscriptions is needed, but this means that every district in the county must have work done in the right way during the coming week, and that each district must turn in a good bunch of subscriptions on the Liberty Loan bonds.

Alma now seems to be faring no better than the balance of the county, having taken a big slump in subscriptions this past week, and this progressive city must yield a goodly number of subscriptions if it is to fill up its share of the quota. Alma should subscribe heavily during the coming week.

The latest available report from the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago on the subscriptions of the county is that of Monday, April 22, which shows that six of the eighteen banks of the county have not as yet made a report on the subscriptions to the Liberty Loan which they have received. The twelve reporting show subscriptions totaling \$198,650, of which Alma had just slightly over half, her subscriptions totaling on this statement, \$101,650. This amount in Alma gave an average amount to the subscription of \$164.26.

Gratiot county's Liberty Loan committee wants one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in subscriptions this coming week and it is up to every section of the county to work, and subscribe. Put the county over the top. Show the Sammies that Gratiot, too, is backing them to the limit, and will give all that she is asked to give. Make this campaign a big success.

## TWO GAMES

College Base Ball Team Away From  
Home for Two Battles

The Alma college base ball team will open the Michigan Intercollegiate season this week with two battles away from home, the Maroon and Cream meeting Olivet at Olivet Friday and Kalamazoo Saturday.

Both teams are reported as being of good strength this season, in spite of the heavy losses, which they have suffered, and it is certain that the Helmer coached aggregation will have to play a far better game than it has been showing to make away with the two M. I. A. A. tussles.

The Alma mentor is looking for his men to put up a far better brand of base ball this week, however, as the lineup has not been shifted this past week, and once the men get settled in their positions, he expects them to cover the ground in good style.

Next week Alma will have her first M. I. A. A. game when the Hillsdale college nine comes here with Gray, a hurler who is twirling some sensational base ball.

## ENTERTAIN SAMMIES.

Men's Classes at M. E. Church to Banquet Drafted Men and Soldiers

The forty-nine men of Gratiot county who are called to report Saturday morning to leave for Camp Custer, where they will enter the service of Uncle Sam, and the Sammies, who are now here learning truck driving, will be entertained by the Men's and Young Men's classes of the Methodist Episcopal church in the church parlors this evening.

The affair is called to start at eight o'clock, with the banquet coming first, after which the men will be entertained with various forms of amusement.

Some short talks are being planned for the young men. An officer will be here from Camp Custer to tell the drafted men what will be expected of them when they reach the camp. It is said that many men are having considerable trouble in finding themselves when they reach the camps, because of a great lack of knowledge of what may be expected from them. Some good talkers from the city will give the men a short talk on why the draft is necessary and another will relate to the men some of the greatest of the reasons why Uncle Sam is in the war.

## FRIDAY, LIBERTY

## LOAN HOLIDAY

People of Nation and State  
Asked to Observe Tomorrow  
in Interest of Loan.

Friday, April 26, the anniversary of the firing of the first shot of the war between the United States and Germany, will not only be a National Liberty Loan Holiday, but by proclamation of Governor Albert Sleeper of Michigan, it is also made a state holiday, and on this day all efforts will be banded in Michigan to make the Liberty Loan campaign of the state a great success, as far as Michigan is concerned.

Liberty Loan committees in every county in the state and in every section in the counties will extend themselves to the utmost on Friday, in the hope of making a clean-up in favor of the Third Liberty Loan. Over half of the counties of Michigan have not yet filled their quotas to the loan, and in all of these sections of the state campaigners will be more than busy in the effort to secure subscriptions enough to take their counties over the top.

Gratiot county will be no exception to the rule in these counties as the committee in Gratiot county is expecting to put in the hardest work of the entire campaign Friday and is figuring that the greater part of the sum still needed to fill the quota of the county will be subscribed tomorrow, the anniversary of the first shot fired in the war between Germany and the United States.

The president's proclamation was issued the first of the week, and following his proclamation Secretary McAdoo wired to the governors of the various states asking co-operation to make the Liberty Loan Holiday a success, and Governor Sleeper replied with his proclamation of Wednesday, declaring Friday, April 26, a Liberty Loan Holiday in Michigan. Federal and state employees will not work as a result on Friday, but will boost the campaign.

L. H. HOWE ATTRACTIONS  
Famous Festivals of Travel Will Be  
Shown Here Next Month.

The famous Lyman H. Howe pictures will be shown at the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Young Men's class of that church, and the proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.

The same program which is given in the largest cities of the country will be given in Alma, which is certain to draw a good crowd both days, and thus bring a neat sum for the Red Cross of this city.

The attraction carries five men and has a big daily expense, which heretofore has proven too prohibitive for this city, but the efforts of F. F. Smith, in behalf of the Young Men's class of this church, has brought the attraction here for this benefit.

The Lyman Howe pictures are endorsed by the best citizens of the city, including Supt. Schultz and the school teachers of Alma. A special matinee will be given, while the pictures are here, for the school children of Alma.

Benjamin Chapin in "The Son of Democracy"—second chapter, "The Call to Arms"—each chapter complete—Idlehour Thursday.—adv.

## MASON CALLED TO SAGINAW

Warren Avenue Presbyterian  
Church Wants Alma Pastor  
to Succeed Rev. Dunkel.

## HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT

Has Been Pastor of Local Presbyterian  
Church for Over Five Years—  
Record Fine.

At a meeting of the Warren Avenue, Saginaw, church authorities Monday evening the Rev. William H. Mason, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, was called to take the pastorate of that church.

Rev. Mason has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city for the past five and one half years and has gained a large circle of friends in this city, and stands as one of Alma's most popular and respected men.

Rev. Mason will accept the Saginaw offer, and will make arrangements at once to assume his new duties at the Warren Avenue church of Saginaw. He will move with his family to Saginaw just as soon as proper arrangements can be made.

The First Presbyterian church of this city has not yet made arrangements as to a successor to the Alma pastor, who has so endeared himself to the entire city, not having had an inkling of the fact that Dr. Mason would be called to Saginaw, until the matter was made public Tuesday. The Record management had known of the matter for two weeks, and had the pleasure of recommending Dr. Mason for his new post, feeling that the new position would give him a wider range of usefulness, and acted upon this rather than the selfish desire to keep him in our midst, where he is beloved.

William H. Mason, D. D., who has been called to Saginaw from Alma to take the pulpit of the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, succeeding Rev. J. Angus Dunkel, D. D., although still a young man has lived a life full of usefulness to his Master, as a brief sketch of his career indicates.

He was born on a farm in southeastern Kansas, and from his boyhood days, this coming one night when the James boys appeared at the Mason home for thing for supper and again for breakfast.

When William H. Mason was fifteen years of age he went to Girard, Kansas, where he attended high school, working his way through as he went. Graduating from high school he went to Park college, Mo., attending that institution for three years, also working his way there.

From Park college he went to Princeton Seminary, where he attended one year after which he went to Auburn, the great eastern seminary, where he attended for two years, graduating at that school.

When he graduated from Auburn he went to Galveston, Texas, where he organized the Fourth Presbyterian church of that city. He was in Galveston at the time of the great flood that swept that city, and forty four members of his church were lost. The church was turned over to the city by Mr. Mason, and for six weeks was used as a refuge for twenty families. His early relief work, brought him under the attention of the mayor of Galveston and he was appointed on the city relief committee, which handled over one million dollars for the sufferers of the city.

Two years later Mr. Mason was called to the Bethlehem church in Chicago, and two years after this was called to the Presbyterian church at Hamilton, Ohio.

Rev. Mason was called to Alma five and one half years ago and since that time has been very active in the city. Among the noteworthy things done at Alma since Rev. Mason became pastor, was the paying of a debt of \$3,500 on the Manse, the pastor's home; spending \$7,500 on improving the church building, and then starting a Sunday school in East Alma, which soon grew into importance, and called for the building of the Eastminister chapel, at a cost of \$4,500.

The starting of the school, which brought about Eastminister chapel is one of the noteworthy things that Rev. Mason has accomplished. Numerous Alma people living in the eastern part of the city, failed to attend church regularly, and some not at all because of the distance down to the churches of the city. The addition of the chapel in the east part of the city has made many more church going people in Alma than would have otherwise been.

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## ELIHU EWING IS ALMA'S FIRST TO DIE IN SERVICE

Elihu Ewing, an Alma boy in the service of the United States, is the first of Alma's young men to die in the service, he having died in a government military hospital in Alabama, Monday night, following a short illness. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ewing, were notified of his serious illness and left immediately for the south, but death came before they had reached the bedside of their son.

It is expected that his body will be brought back to this city by his parents and that he will occupy the first soldier grave here of the brave sons of Alma, who have gone to the front.

## SECURE MISS CLARK FOR GARDEN WORK

She Will Oversee Garden Work  
and the Canning Clubs this  
Summer.

At a meeting held in the directors' rooms of the First State Bank Friday evening steps were taken to increase and also to better supervise the garden work which will be done in Alma this summer, as an aid to food production.

The state club leader, Mr. E. C. Lindemann, who was present, had received some encouragement from various Alma citizens in regard to this work, and he proposed the hiring of Miss Clark, the botany instructor of the high school, during the summer vacation to act as the local club leader and direct the work in Alma this summer.

He offered to pay half of the salary and expenses from a government fund to which he has access. Mr. William A. Bahkke settled the matter and made it certain that Alma would have a leader for this work, when he said that he would be responsible for the raising of the necessary \$100, which would be Alma's share in the expense.

Miss Clark hopes to secure the co-operation of the teachers of the city and also that of the parents in order that this work may be done to the very best advantage, and that the boys and girls of the city may be made more interested in the work of gardening and canning this summer. Mr. Lindemann says that the greatest food crisis will come late next winter, and that we must raise vegetables which can be canned or preserved for winter use.

## MISSING WORDS

Mrs. A. J. Sutton Wins the Dollar for  
Answer to Last Week's Contest.

The Alma Record received over two dozen answers to the missing word contest for last week, up to Monday night, the time limit on answers to the contest, and a careful going over of the list gives Mrs. A. J. Sutton, 128 Rockingham, the high mark with five correct missing words, and she wins the dollar for last week. Same may be had by calling at the Record office.

The missing words are located as follows: In Messenger's adv., left, "We strive for style, the newest and best." It should read, "We strive for style and the newest and best." In Messenger's adv., right, which reads "for the life of the clothes, a long life at that," which should read "for the life of the clothes and a long life at that." In this same adv. the word "The" is missing from "Messinger's, The Men's Store."

In the adv. of A. W. Brunner, the word "to" is left out of the line, "We cordially invite the public (to) inspect these beautiful designs." In the adv. of A. W. Davis the word "tobacco" is left out of the line "that smoking or chewing (tobacco) which best suits his taste."

In P. W. Creaser's adv. the word "in" is left out of the line, "to get settled in the spring than (in) any other season."

In the adv. of the Alma City Laundry the word "we" is left out of the line, "This is because we know how to do quality work, (we) have the equipment for doing it."

In the adv. of the Little Rock Coal company the word "is" is missing from the line, "To show you is no trouble."

In the adv. of Smith's bakery the word "is" is missing from the line, "and a satisfied customer is our best advertiser."

In the adv. of Mrs. F. A. Bennett the word "is" is missing from the line, "Each one (is) jaunty, chic, and fascinating."

Wm. S. Hart in "The Aryan"—Idlehour Saturday.—adv.

## SEVERAL DEATHS DURING WEEK

Mrs. Susie Enterline, Old Alma  
Resident Died Here Tuesday  
Night.

## MRS. LATHROP DIED MONDAY

Taken to Saginaw for Operation and  
Died Before Reaching the Operat-  
ing Table.

The grim reaper has been busy during the past week, death calling several people, some of them well known throughout the entire county, among them being Mrs. Susie Enterline, and Mrs. Olive Lathrop.

Mrs. Olive L. Lathrop, a well known resident of the county, died Monday evening at St. Mary's hospital in Saginaw, where she had been taken for an operation that same evening.

She was taken ill Sunday and late Monday it was decided that she must be operated upon and she was taken to Saginaw on the first train. Before reaching the operating table she passed away. She was 55 years old.

The body was returned to her home at Elwell. The funeral was held from the residence this afternoon at 1:30. Rev. J. Frank Jackson officiating, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery in this city. Her death was the third death in the family in four months and the fourth in thirteen months.

Mrs. Susie Enterline, for many years a resident of this city, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barton Young, Tuesday night of this week, being 48 years and eight months old at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband and a daughter.

The funeral services were held from the home this afternoon, Rev. William H. Mason officiating, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Elizabeth Price, the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Price of this city died at their home April 14, following a short illness.

Ralph Copeland, motor truck driver, came here Sunday to drive trucks through to South Carolina, and was taken sick and died the first of the week. The body was shipped to Bolton, South Carolina. He was thirty years of age.

Conrad W. Baker, a former resident of this city, who has been living for some years in Toledo, Ohio, died Sunday afternoon at his home in that city, following a two days' illness. He was 41 years of age.

The body was brought to this city and the funeral was held from the home of his parents on Court street Tuesday afternoon, the Masons of Toledo and Alma having charge of the funeral services.

He is survived by a wife, three children, his aged parents and one sister.

## POSTPONED

Industrial Issue of Alma Record Post-  
poned for Another Week.

Because of various conditions which have come up during the past week, the Alma Record has been forced to postpone its industrial issue until next week. It will appear May 3rd and will consist of at least twenty pages.

Every effort is being made to make this issue the finest industrial issue relating to Alma, which has ever come from the press of any newspaper.

The Alma Record asks that everyone, who expects to have advertising in this issue, have it in at the earliest possible moment. If it can be on Saturday, it will aid us greatly in getting this edition out and in the hands of the readers right on time.

The Record would call the advertisers attention to the fact that there will be a large number of extra papers issued next week, because of the demand for copies of this industrial issue. Advance orders are in now for several hundred of these extra papers.

The Record would ask the various correspondents to have their material in this coming week right on time.

## GETS COVETED HONOR

The faculty of Alma college has announced that Miss Edith Lyster will be valedictorian of the Senior class of Alma college. She has also been awarded the university fellowship, and will represent Alma college at the University of Michigan next year. Last year she was awarded the Brownell scholarship at the college.

## GROUND GLASS?

Local Grocer Claims to Have Found  
Glass in Jelly Jars.

The attention of local officers was called Monday to a few glass jars of jelly at the Leahy grocery in east Alma, which it is claimed contained ground glass.

Chief of Police Oscar Vibber visited the store in the afternoon and three of the jars of jelly were opened and in each case glass was thought to be contained in the contents of the jars.

The local officers have sent the jelly to the United States District Attorney for Eastern Michigan at Detroit, where it will undergo a rigid examination by the United States officials. It is expected that a report will be received as to the contents within a few days.

Reports of ground glass in food stuffs have been reported time and again to the department of justice, but in only a few cases has it been found the glass was contained in the food submitted for examination.

The local people have taken the right course in the matter, as the government has asked that all such matters be reported as soon as noted, so that if the inspection bears out the fact that ground glass is contained in the foodstuffs that it may be traced down with no loss of time.

## NEW MASONIC HALL

## TO BE READY SOON

Wright Opera House is Being  
Changed Over to Suit Needs  
of the Masonic Lodge.

Wright opera house, which was recently leased to the Masonic lodge of this city for a term of years, for a Masonic hall, is rapidly undergoing extensive repairs to make it suitable for the quarters of the local lodge.

The former auditorium of the opera house has been left intact, except that the raised portion of the floor has been lowered so that it is now even with the rest of the floor and this portion of the opera house will be used for the lodge room, where the work will be put on. The entire room will, of course, be redecorated.

Back of this room, where the stage was formerly located, is to be found three rooms, one a reception room, another a ladies' room and the third a property room. The reception room is at the top of the stairway, which formerly led to the stage, and which will be used as an entrance to the lodge rooms. In fixing these rooms the old stage was torn out entirely.

Over these rooms is located a club room of good size, and in front of this and looking down over the lodge room is a balcony which will extend the entire length of the room.

The large room to the east, in which was formerly located the office and dressing rooms is being changed over into a dining room of generous proportions, which is to be used for the banquets which are often held by the lodge.

The new lodge rooms will give the Alma Masons a much finer home than they have had in the past and one which they will retain for some years, as they have a long lease on the new quarters.

## NAVY RECRUITING STATION

A navy recruiting officer will be in Alma on Wednesday of each week to examine recruits for the U. S. navy. All branches of the service are now open. Examinations will be held at the army recruiting station, and ages for enrollment will be from 18 to 44 years.

Men who have registered for the draft may enlist but must first secure a release from their local board, which in most cases will be granted. Each man must have an age certificate or a sworn statement certifying as to age and citizenship before he will be examined. Transportation will be furnished to Detroit.

Further information may be obtained at the army recruiting station on application or of Francis King, county chairman of the navy recruiting committee. All applicants for enrollment must be at the recruiting station between the hours of 7:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Wednesday of each week.

## STOCKHOLDERS MEET

X-Cel-All Stockholders Will Have An-  
nual Meeting Here Today.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the X-Cel-All company, the new Alma paint concern, will be held at the offices of the company today.

The report on the business for the past year is expected to be a good one, especially in view of the rapidly increasing business of the company, and the fact that orders are now coming for more paint than the company is manufacturing.

## JURY HAS NOT BEEN SECURED

Over a Week Has Been Con-  
sumed in Effort to Secure  
Jury to Hear Case.

## ATTORNEYS ACT CAREFULLY

Supervisors Asked to Make Out New  
List of Men for Jury Service in  
Murder Case.

The trial of Albert Eichorn on a charge of causing the death of Miss Beatrice Epler of this city, is still in the preliminary stages, owing to the difficulty which is being met in securing a jury to render a verdict in the case, and it is very possible that the balance of this week will see the jury still incomplete, although it must be admitted that there is also a strong possibility that it may be completed hurriedly, and the arguments in the case started at any time.

Six venirees have been called in an effort to secure a jury for this case, the sixth of twenty-five men have been examined, and the jury is not completed from these men and a seventh venire of twenty-five men will be called as soon as the new jury lists are ready.

The first venire called consisted of thirty men from the various sections of the county, the second twenty-four men and the final four venirees of twenty-five men each.

The attorneys for the defense on Wednesday night still had a number of preemptory challenges left out of the thirty allowed and the prosecution had used only a very few of its fifteen challenges.

As the various men drawn on the venires are called up for examination they are being questioned very closely regarding matters pertaining to the case, and particularly if they had read the accounts of the case published in the Alma Record and other Gratiot county publications. It is plainly evident that the defense is fighting hard to keep the least prejudice from creeping into the jury if it can possibly be done, but it is evident also that the prejudice which it had been expected would develop is missing. That there is prejudice there is no question, but it is far from the extent that had been expected.

Unless the attorneys for the defense are well satisfied that they are securing the best qualified men possible, it is certain that they will use up the entire number of challenges which they have, which might mean that the selection of a jury will still be a matter of some days yet.

It is almost a certainty that the selection of a jury for the Albert Eichorn case will create a new record for drawing venires in the county from which to complete a jury.

With the approach of the completion of the jury, witnesses in the case, of which there are a great many, are beginning to filter into Ithaca, and with the prospects of large crowds at the court house during the life of the trial, the officials of the county are laying plans to take care of the crowds. It is certain that not all of those who attend from day to day are going to be able to find room in the court room, owing to the great interest in the case, which is attracting wide attention.

The supervisors of Gratiot county have been instructed to make out new lists of jurors, and to send them in just as quickly as possible. They will probably reach the county seat today, and venires from this new list will be called at once in the effort to complete the jury. This makes it almost a certainty that the jury will not be completed this week.

In the hope of speeding up matters in securing a jury Judge E. J. Moineau is now calling court in the morning at 9 o'clock and in the afternoon at 1 o'clock.

## NEW FIXTURES

New Fixtures for Post Office Are Be-  
ing Installed This Week

The new fixtures for the Alma post office arrived the latter part of last week, and this week a force is busy at the post office, putting them in shape and thus completing the equipment of the new post office.

Some of the old fixtures will be used together with the new fixtures, and when they are completely installed the offices will be completely shut off from the corridor in front, for the use of the patrons of the office.

The new fixtures will give the post office a far larger number of lock-boxes, and will also permit a much better arrangement of the post office furniture.